WAR of KINGS

WARRIORS

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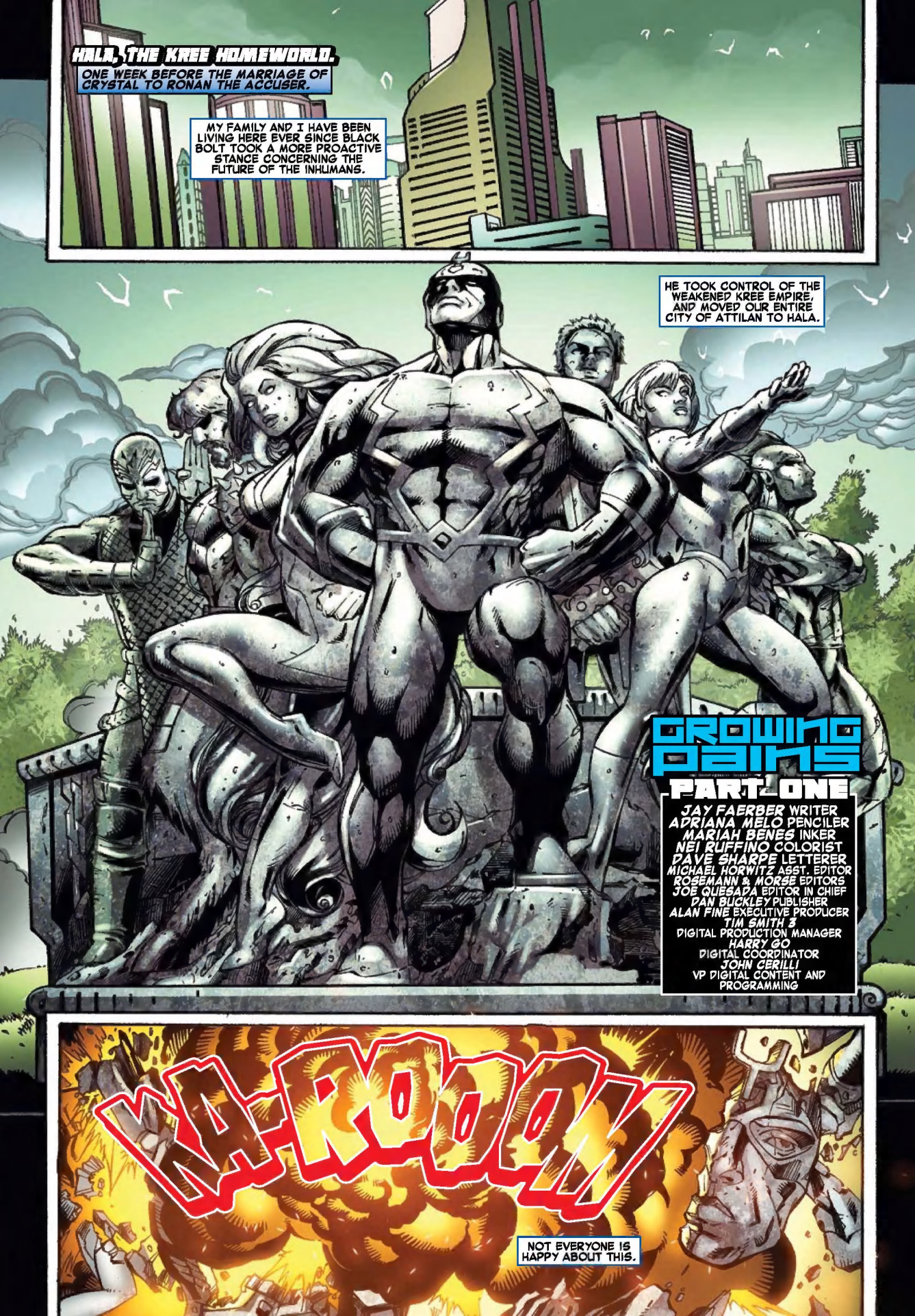
HALA, THE KREE HOMEWORLD.
ONE WEEK BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OF CRYSTAL TO RONAN THE ACCUSER.
MY FAMILY AND I HAVE BEEN LIVING HERE EVER SINCE BLACK BOLT TOOK A MORE PROACTIVE STANCE CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE INHUMANS.
HE TOOK CONTROL OF THE WEAKENED KREE EMPIRE, AND MOVED OUR ENTIRE CITY OF ATTILAN TO HALA.
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NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY ABOUT THIS.

MEDUSA IS BLACK BOLT'S WIFE. SHE'S ALSO HIS *VOICE*.
THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH TERRORIST ATTACK. A *THIRD* WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
OF COURSE WE NEED TO STOP THEM. BUT LET'S NOT LOSE ALL PERSPECTIVE. THEY BLEW UP SOME STATUES. BEFORE THAT, THEY WRECKED AN EMPTY TRANSPORT SHIP.
BUT DON'T FORGET THAT THEY HAVEN'T KILLED OR EVEN *HARMED* ANYONE.
WHEN SHE SPEAKS, IT'S AS THE LEADER OF THE INHUMANS ROYAL FAMILY, AND NOW, THE ENTIRE KREE EMPIRE...BUT I JUST HEAR MY *OLDER SISTER*.
YOU NEED TO TAKE THIS *SERIOUSLY*, CRYSTAL. WE *CANNOT* ALLOW THESE ACTIONS TO ESCALATE.
I *AM* TAKING IT SERIOUSLY, I JUS--
PERHAPS ALL THE TIME YOU'VE SPENT ON EARTH, AMONG *HUMANS* HA--

I...I APOLOGIZE, MY LORD.

BEFORE BLACK BOLT TOOK COMMAND OF THE KREE, THEY WERE LED BY ***RONAN THE ACCUSER***, A CELEBRATED KREE WARRIOR.

WHEN ASKED WHAT HE WANTED IN RETURN FOR COOPERATING WITH US, RONAN REQUESTED MY HAND IN MARRIAGE. MEDUSA AGREED A LITTLE TOO QUICKLY FOR MY TASTE.

IF I MAY INTERJECT, WE'RE DEALING WITH A SMALL SUBSET OF THE KREE POPULATION.

THIS FACTION IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT LIVING UNDER INHUMAN RULE AND IT IS THE KREE'S NATURE TO FIGHT BACK.

IF IT PLEASES YOU, I WILL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND DEAL WITH THE PERPETRATORS.

BUT I REALIZED OUR UNION IS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE KREE AND THE INHUMANS, SO IT'S A SACRIFICE I'VE COME TO RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT.

WAIT... WHILE LUNA IS ON HER CLASS TRIP...LET ME LOOK INTO IT.

WHY WOULD ***YOU*** WANT THIS TASK, SISTER? WITH YOUR IMPENDING NUPTIALS, DON'T YOU HAVE MORE ***PRESSING*** CONCERNS?

THAT'S ***WHY*** I WANT TO DO THIS. ONCE I MARRY RONAN, I SUPPOSE THE KREE WILL LOOK TO ME AS SOMETHING OF AN AMBASSADOR BETWEEN OUR TWO RACES.

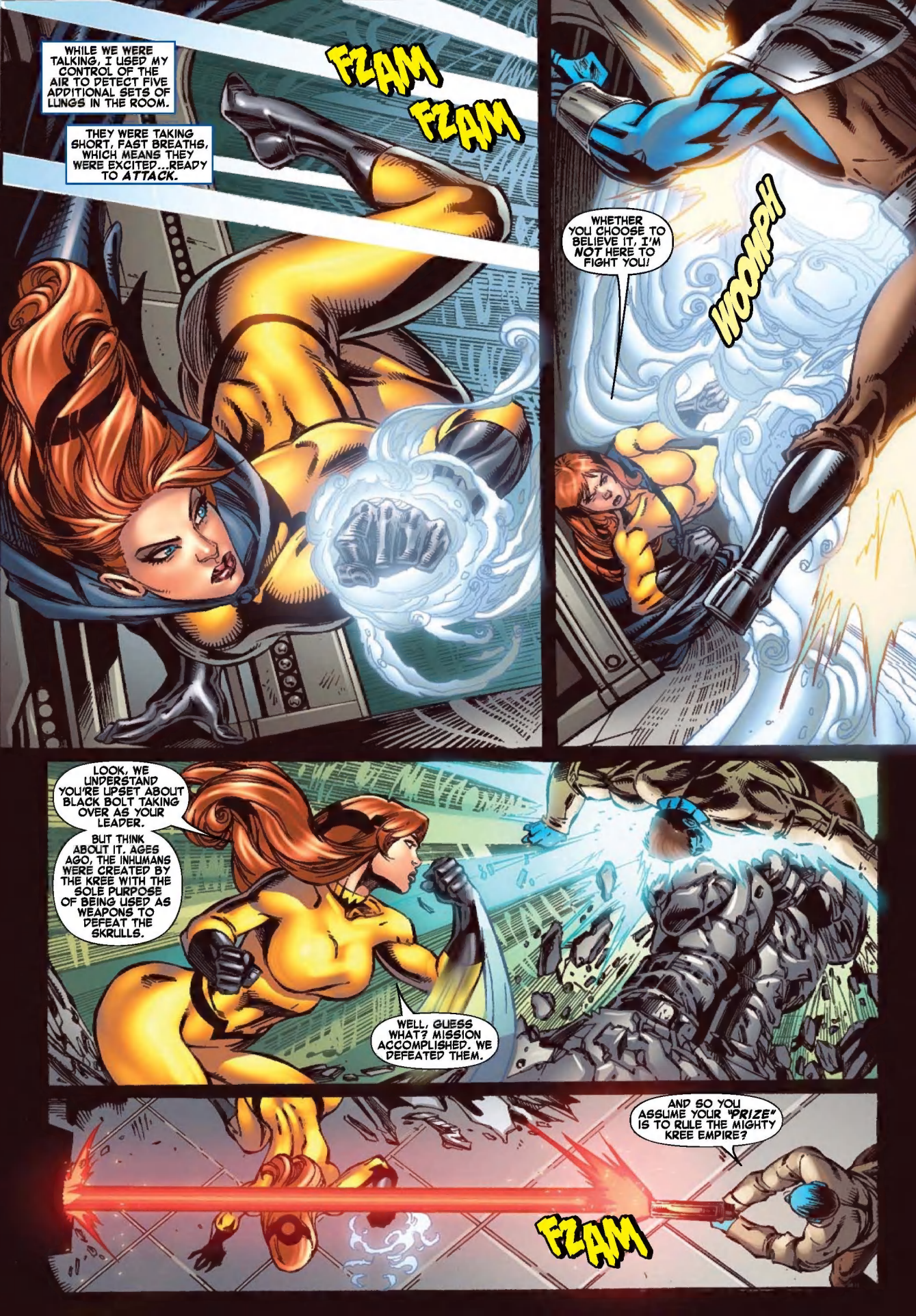
I THINK IT'LL SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE IF I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS.

BLACK BOLT THINKS THAT IS A NOBLE GESTURE ON YOUR PART. THE JOB IS YOURS.

MEDUSA LEAVES IT AT THAT, BUT I CAN JUST HEAR HER ADDING, "DON'T SCREW IT UP."

AN HOUR LATER...
WHATEVER KIND OF EXPLOSIVE THE BOMBERS UTILIZED, IT DIDN'T LEAVE BEHIND ANY COMPONENTS OR RESIDUE THAT AUTHORITIES COULD USE TO TRACK THEM DOWN.
BUT THEN I NOTICE SOMETHING...SOMETHING PERHAPS THAT ONLY I CAN UTILIZE.
FOOTPRINTS NEAR THE BASE OF THE STATUE.
AND MY CONTROL OVER THE FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS LETS ME ISOLATE THEM.
THAT'S HOW I KNOW THERE'S SOIL PRESENT THAT'S NOT INDIGENOUS TO THIS PARK.
AND I'LL BET ANYTHING IT WAS FROM THE BOOTS OF WHOEVER PLANTED THE BOMB...

...WHICH MEANS IT CAN *LEAD ME* TO THEM.
A QUICK COMPARISON REVEALS THAT THE SOIL IS AN EXACT MATCH FOR THE SOIL IN THIS GARDEN.
KNOCK KNOCK
YES...?
PLEASE FORGIVE MY INTRUSION. I AM CRYSTAL AMAQUELIN MAXIMOFF, OF THE INHUMANS' ROYAL FAMILY.
I THINK YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE.
I AM *FENN-RA*.
PLEASE... COME IN.


WHILE WE WERE TALKING, I USED MY CONTROL OF THE AIR TO DETECT FIVE ADDITIONAL SETS OF LUNGS IN THE ROOM.
THEY WERE TAKING SHORT, FAST BREATHS, WHICH MEANS THEY WERE EXCITED...READY TO ATTACK.
FZAM
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WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IT, I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT YOU!
WOOMPH
LOOK, WE UNDERSTAND YOU'RE UPSET ABOUT BLACK BOLT TAKING OVER AS YOUR LEADER.
BUT THINK ABOUT IT. AGES AGO, THE INHUMANS WERE CREATED BY THE KREE WITH THE SOLE PURPOSE OF BEING USED AS WEAPONS TO DEFEAT THE SKRULLS.
WELL, GUESS WHAT? MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. WE DEFEATED THEM.
AND SO YOU ASSUME YOUR "PRIZE" IS TO RULE THE MIGHTY KREE EMPIRE?
FZAM

LEADING THE KREE ISN'T A "PRIZE." IT'S A RESPONSIBILITY! ONE THAT BLACK BOLT DOES NOT TAKE LIGHTLY.
THIS IS AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO SOCIETIES. INDIVIDUALLY, WE ARE BOTH VULNERABLE TO ATTACK, BUT TOGETHER, WE ARE UNBEATABLE.
WE WILL NEVER SUBMIT TO BLACK BOLT'S RULE!
FZAM
KRO OM
I KEEP HEARING YOU USE THE WORD "RULE."
BLACK BOLT DOESN'T WANT TO RULE YOU, HE WANTS TO LEAD YOU.
THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE.
THIS IS A DIFFICULT ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL OF US, BUT IF YOU JUST GIVE IT A CHANCE, YOU'LL SEE THAT THE KREE EMPIRE--UNDER BLACK BOLT'S LEADERSHIP--IS AT THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY.
I COULD HAVE YOU ARRESTED AND EXECUTED, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY.
I WAS ASKED BY BLACK BOLT TO DEAL WITH THE ANTI-INHUMAN PROTESTS. I'D LIKE VERY MUCH TO TELL HIM THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE.
CAN I TELL HIM THAT?

I WANT TO BELIEVE EVERY-THING YOU'VE SAID TODAY.
SILENCE, FENN-RA! DO NOT TALK TO THE INHUMAN!
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM. LISTEN TO THE VOICE *WITHIN YOU.*
IS THIS YOUR DAUGHTER? SHE LOOKS A LITTLE YOUNGER THAN MY OWN.
YES, THIS IS *LIEV-RA.*
AND I...THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW. WE PLANTED ANOTHER BOMB.
FENN-RA, *NO!*
IGNORE HIM. *TALK TO ME.* TELL ME ABOUT THE BOMB. CAN YOU DEACTIVATE IT?
NO, THE REMOTE DETONATOR WAS DAMAGED IN OUR FIGHTING.
WHERE IS THE BOMB?
IT'S IN THE *KREE HERITAGE MUSEUM.* I...I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHERE.
THE *MUSEUM?* GODS, NO...MY *DAUGHTER'S* THERE!
TO BE CONTINUED!